MR. T. P RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): In regard to that also, the Budget will show if it is a new work or a work in progress.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): My question was "will the Government be pleased to state the names of the new roads constructed in 1104?" I want to know whether this is also one of the new roads constructed in 1104?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That is what the Chief Engineer says.

P. W. Section Office, Suchindram.

298. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state why the Suchindram Section Office is located in a rented building?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Because there is no Government building available at Suchindram for holding the Section Office.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know if any Government building is available in that Section itself?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Section Office is located at Suchindram. The report is there is no Government building there.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): I want to know whether there is any Government building available in that Section?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice of that question.

Overloading of Motor Buses.

299. **MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state the steps they have taken this year (1104) to stop the overloading of 24-seater and other big motor buses in the interest of the 9-seater bus owners (small capitalists) and of the travelling public at large?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Overloading is an offence under the Motor Vehicles Regulation and the Rules thereunder and offenders are either prosecuted under the law or punished departmentally by cancellation or suspension of licenses.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*): The answer to my question is:

"Over-loading is an offence under the Motor Vehicles Regulation and the Rules thereunder."

May I know the steps they have taken this year to stop overloading?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): These are the steps taken to prevent over loading.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*): This is a Rule which we find in the statute book for so many years. I want to know whether the Government have taken other steps?

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Action was taken according to law. The member did not call for a statement of the number of cases taken up.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know the steps the Government have taken in the year 1104 ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The steps taken are given in the answer.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Was it taken this year ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Were not the same steps taken last year also ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Do they take these steps every year ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes. The law and the rules thereunder have to be followed by the department.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*) : I want to know whether they have taken any steps this year ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*) : This rule has been in operation for so many years.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : If there is a rule it must be followed every year.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*) : I want to know whether any steps have been taken this year ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : We have taken the steps under the rules.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*) : We know it.

Seating accommodation in Motor Buses.

300. **MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have given a trial to the proposal, for the division of big seats in motor buses by wooden or iron railings into as many compartments as the seating space would allow, made by a member of this House during the last Budget Session of this Council for the efficient checking of overloading in a certain direction ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : A proposal to this effect made by the Commissioner of Police is under the consideration of the Government.

Excise Map of Travancore.

301. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether any work has yet (15-11-1104) been begun in the preparation of an Excise map of the State showing the location, distances, etc., of the toddy and arrack shops in the State, which the Excise Commissioner had agreed to do in the last Session of the Legislative Council and when this map will be completed ?

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